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Dear Citizens & Community Leaders:

The Delaware Forest Service (DFS) and the Delaware Community Forestry Council are pleased to announce the annual Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program for 2009. This year we will offer the following grants: **Tree Planting** and **Tree Management.**

Over the past sixteen years, the Urban & Community Forestry Program has positively impacted the quality of life of Delaware's communities by awarding over \$1 million to more than 175 Delaware communities and organizations. This year we seek to fund such projects as community tree inventories, development of professional community forestry plans, tree pruning and removal, riparian area or stream buffer planting, street tree projects, etc.

Enclosed are the grant guidelines and applications for the 2009 grant process. There have been a few changes to the application, so please remember to read the enclosed grant package carefully. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Applications must be postmarked no later than **Friday June 20**th, **2009**.

Several workshops have been scheduled to assist you with your grant application. Please see the enclosed schedule for times and locations. If you can't make a workshop and you still have questions, please give us a call. We would be glad to help.

Sincerely,

Henry Poole Urban Forestry Coordinator Delaware Forest Service (302) 659-6705 (302) 934-3593 *mobile*

Grant Workshop Schedule

April 16th, 2009

RSVP by April 14th

Place: Delaware Center for Horticulture

1810 N. DuPont Street Wilmington, DE 19806 (302) 658-6262

Time: 5:30am-7:30 pm

May 6th, 2009

RSVP Kyle Hoyd by May 4th

Place: Redden State Forest- Education Center

18074 Redden Forest Drive Georgetown, DE 19947 (302) 943-7869

Time: 10:00am- Noon

May 14thth, 2009

RSVP Henry Poole by May 16th @ (302) 659-6705

Place: Delaware Department of Agriculture

2320 S. DuPont Highway Dover, DE 19901 or

Time: 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm

(302) 943-3593

June 2nd, 2009

Place: Blackbird State Forest- Main Office

502 Blackbird Forest Rd. Smyrna, DE 19977

RSVP Henry Poole by June 1st @ (302) 659-6705

or (302) 943-3593

Time:6:30 pm- 8:00 pm